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We claim:

1. A method for producing tetrahydroborates by using borates as chemical raw material, comprising:
 - reacting a mixture containing borate and alkali earth metal by heating
5 in a hydrogen atmosphere under pressure below a reaction equilibrium pressure where hydride of the alkali earth metal exists in stable.
 2. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1 wherein the alkali earth metal is magnesium.
 3. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1
10 wherein the mixture contains hydrogenating catalyst to adsorb hydrogen.
 4. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mixture is in form of fine powder.
 5. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 4 wherein the borate and the alkali earth metal respectively is pulverized of an
15 average particle diameter of maximum 100µm.
 6. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 5 wherein the average particle diameters of both borate and alkali earth metal are generally the same.
 7. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1
20 wherein coke oven gas is used as a source of hydrogen.
 8. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mixture is provided with hydrogen atmosphere at temperature of maximum 450°C and heated to temperature of 500 to 650°C.
 9. The method for producing tetrahydroborates as set forth in claim 1
25 wherein the tetrahydroborate produced is or include any one of a group consisting of sodium borohydride (NaBH_4), lithium borohydride (LiBH_4) and potassium borohydride (KBH_4).

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